

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A pillar-shaped honeycomb structural body having comprising:

a structure in which comprising a plurality of lamination members, the plurality of lamination members having a plurality of holes and including a plurality of metal lamination members comprising a material mainly made of metal, the structure having a plurality of through holes are placed extending in parallel with one another in [[the]] a length direction of the structure and [[with]] a partition wall portion interposed therebetween between the through holes,

wherein the lamination members are laminated in the length direction so that the through holes of the lamination members are superposed on one another, and the through holes includes ones sealed at a first end of the structure and ones sealed at a second end of the structure such that the structure is configured to filter particles in an exhaust gas one of ends of each through hole is sealed.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The [[A]] pillar-shaped honeycomb structural body according to claim 1, having a structure in which a plurality of through holes are placed in parallel with one another in the length direction with a partition wall interposed therebetween, wherein lamination members are laminated in the length direction so that the through holes are superposed on one another, and at least the metal lamination members include at least two metal lamination members positioned on both end faces of the honeycomb structural body are mainly made of metal the first end and second end of the structure.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The honeycomb structural body according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein [[all]] the plurality of lamination members are mainly made of metal of the structure is entirely the metal lamination members.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 1  
~~or 2, further comprising wherein~~ a catalyst [[is]] supported on the lamination members.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A pillar-shaped honeycomb structural body ~~having~~  
comprising:

a structure ~~in which~~ comprising a plurality of lamination members, the plurality of lamination members having a plurality of holes and including a plurality of metal lamination members comprising a material mainly made of metal, the structure having a plurality of through holes ~~are placed~~ extending in parallel with one another in [[the]] a length direction of ~~the structure and~~ [[with]] a partition wall portion interposed ~~therebetween~~ between the through holes,

wherein the plurality of lamination members includes ones having different shapes or sizes of the through holes, the lamination members are laminated in the length direction so that the through holes of the lamination members are superposed on one another and a surface of the partition wall portion has an irregularity, and ~~one of ends of each through hole is sealed~~ the through holes includes ones sealed at a first end of the structure and ones sealed at a second end of the structure such that the structure is configured to filter particles in an exhaust gas.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (new): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 7, further comprising a catalyst supported on the lamination members.

Claim 10 (new): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 1, wherein the metal comprises one of chromium-based stainless and chromium-nickel-based stainless.

Claim 11 (new): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 7, wherein the metal comprises one of chromium-based stainless and chromium-nickel-based stainless.

Claim 12 (new): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 1, wherein the material mainly made of metal comprises one of metal fibers, a metal material with through pores and a sintered metal powder.

Claim 13 (new): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 7, wherein the material mainly made of metal comprises one of metal fibers, a metal material with through pores and a sintered metal powder.

Claim 14 (new): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of lamination members has a porosity set in a range between 50% by volume and 98% by volume.

Claim 15 (new): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of lamination members has a porosity set in a range between 50% by volume and 98% by volume.

Claim 16 (new): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of lamination members has an average pore diameter set in a range between 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 17 (new): The honeycomb structural body according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of lamination members has an average pore diameter set in a range between 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .